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Title : Need to bring Calicut Medical College in Kerala at Par with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR (CALICUT): Calicut Medical College has sprawling Campus of 250 acres of land and has enough free space which can easily be developed for further expansion. It has all the clinical facilities in better position than in any other institute in Kerala. It caters to six districts of North Kerala which have almost 30% of the population of the state. In the year 2003, 1.6 lakh persons were treated as inpatients and 5.25 lakh persons as outpatients. Around 2600 patients are admitted yearly in the Department of Medicine. So the Medical College, Calicut fulfills all the requisites for up gradation to the level of an Institute of all India importance on the pattern of All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi. Government has announced opening of six medical institutes all over the country on the pattern of AIIMS, Delhi. Calicut Medical College is centrally located as compared to Trivandrum Medical College which is in extreme south and has better infrastructure. Trivandrum is already having a number of Medical Institute like Sree Chitra Institute, Regional Cancer Centre, Regional Institute, Regional Cancer Centre, Regional Institute of Ophthalmology etc. At present, people of North Kerala are required to go to Trivandrum for advanced medical treatment. It will also be economical costwise to make use of the infrastructure available at Medical College, Calicut rather than building a new Institute of national importance in Sourthern States. So, I strongly urge the Government to upgrade Calicut Medical College to the level of All India Institute of Medical Sciences.